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you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to AM2344.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion of AM2344. No lights on. Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, appreciate the discussion. I appreciate the questions. This is a bill that, you know, I know a lot of us kind of get involved in things and I introduced this bill a couple sessions ago, and then during the interim leading up to the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, which was before last session, I embarked on...I learned more about elevators than I ever wanted to learn about them, quite frankly, and we did a lot of work on this with a lot of individuals from...various individuals impacted by elevators as well as those that work within the industry. And it is a safety bill. There were 207 employees killed in the last ten years working on elevators. It's a safety bill in terms of those that work on elevators, and it's also obviously a safety issue for those pedestrians like us that ride on an elevator. You are genuinely putting your life to the craftsmanship of these individuals that work on this delicate machinery. And when you have the elevator inspector, the head elevator inspector of the state of Nebraska, that routinely is out in the field inspecting these machines and he takes the time on his personal time on vacation to come to a committee of the Legislature and tell them that this needs to be done, that says something. Now, Senator Jensen will provide you with a letter from the department here in Lincoln which is dated over a year ago relative to a different version of this bill, and they talk about how the current program is effective. What I'm submitting to you is that we're getting conflicting information relative to the individuals that are involved in this enterprise on the state level. And I, for one, kind of like to take the rank and